consideration for the award of a Doctorate Degree". The above resolution was forwarded to the Universities represented on the Commission for necessary action. Only the Universities of Maharaja Sayajirao of Baroda, Jadavpur, Visva-Bharati and the Utkal reported its acceptance, while the Rajasthan, Saugar, Annamalai, Poona, Vikram and Bombay Universities informed that the resolution had been placed before their respective Academic Councils or Boards. On the contrary, the Universities of Patna, Madras, Andhra, Agra, Jammu and Kashmir and Lucknow, did not accept it. The Osmania University noted it, while Sri Venkateswara University stated that it had no separate History Faculty.

It may be desirable to reiterate the earlier Resolution mentioned above. The matter should thereafter be taken up, not only with the various Universities, but also with the Inter-University Board.

C. Transfer of French Records etc. to Institut de Chandernagor

(4) Resolution by Prof. K.C. Kormocar

"Resolved that the Records Commission be requested to move the Government of West Bengal through their respective Departments to collect old French records, books, scientific apparatus, articles of measurement, maps, plans etc. which are still lying in different offices at Chandernagore and at Chinsura, District Head Quarters as well as at Chandernagore Municipal Corporation for their preservation and display at the 'Institut de Chandernagor' in favour of research scholars."

Explanatory note:

On 19-7-70 a resolution was adopted in the meeting of the Managing Committee of the Institut de Chandernagor. The Director of the Institute has already written to the different

authorities both Administrative and Municipal, with a request to comply with the resolution but no reply has since been received as yet. Accordingly the Records Commission's assistance is sought in this respect.

Standing Committee's views:

There can be no objection to the depositing at the Institute of any scientific apparatus and other such articles if the concerned authorities so desire. However, as far as the official records of the former French administration are concerned the above proposal goes counter to the well known principle regarding maintaining the integrity of the archival fonds. With the merger of the erstwhile French Chandernagore with the State of West Bengal, the records created by the earlier government, have become part and parcel of the official records of the Government of West Bengal.

It was in keeping with this principle that in 1950, the Indian Historical Records Commission vide Resolution No.V of its 27th Session held at Nagpur, had urged on the Government of India, the desirability of treating the old records of Chandernagore as part of the records of West Bengal. The Committee on Archival Legislation (1960) also upheld the same principle regarding the position of records of the merged States [(para 78(8)]. However, the Institute should be able to obtain microfilm copies of important French records. Also, the Government of West Bengal may be approached to grant substantial financial assistance to the Institute to enable it to survey, list, or acquire the French documents in private possession.